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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 9131.0017-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
HARRIS, Robert J. ) Group Art Unit: 2856  
Application No.: 10/616,890 ) Examiner: RAEVIS, Robert R.  
Filed: July 9, 2003 ) Confirmation No. 1683  
For: SLIDING PIPE PLUG )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE AFTER ALLOWANCE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and subject to the recommendation of the Examiner and the approval of the Director, and without withdrawing the case from issue, kindly enter the attachment as follows:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Attachments** to this response include Substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney.